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## ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ, MAY FIFTH, 1908

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IN a city famous for its greeting, it has become my privilege to extend a welcome to this important organization. The eleventh annual convention of the Associated Alumnæ is unique in more than one way; it is the first national convention of nurses ever held on the Pacific coast and it will go down in history as being the first national convention of any sort to be held in the New San Francisco.

To invite this association to meet in our city seemed a mighty undertaking beset with many obstacles for the trail to California has always been a long one, from the days of the slow moving ox-teams that brought our pioneer fathers and mothers and later the pony express, which less than forty years ago was considered a marvel of rapid communication, with its continuous line of galloping horses from Sacramento to the Missouri River, carrying a letter that distance in ten and one half days. But May, 1869, saw the completion of the great trans-continental rail-road uniting California with the east.

Modern improvements have been such that three years ago we invited the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States to hold its convention of 1908 in San Francisco. After some deliberation, on account of our geographical position, our invitation was accepted.

Those who hesitated in voting to hold the meeting at so remote a point felt that all cause for anxiety on that score was removed when April, 1906, saw San Francisco destroyed. But while the fire was still smouldering, and the Associated Alumnæ was in session in Detroit in May, 1906, we renewed our invitation, we pushed the Rocky Mountains down, we swung the Golden Gate wide open, and our dream is now realized! You are with us to-day to receive the cordial welcome of our one thousand members of the California State Nurses' Association.

Meetings held in the more populous parts of the country would have a larger attendance, but a small light may guide the multitude. The profession of nursing has enjoyed the unusual position of being a profession for women, which from its earliest history has met with public approval. Quite different from the professions where women have been regarded more or less as interlopers. Years of splendid endeavor on the part of women, who have chosen a life work in a field

formerly occupied exclusively by men, has resulted in a more normal attitude of the public, and a more fraternal spirit exists between professional men and women. That women, in the nursing profession, have not met with this obstacle renders it incumbent upon them to accomplish more expeditiously the work, which by virtue of attainment, must fall upon all women who have had the advantage of special training.

Among the problems that should be solved by this association are: How can the trained nurse best serve the public? How shall she care for the poor? How can she enlist the sympathy and aid of the owners of great wealth in the work that must be done for the common cause of humanity? How shall this, the largest body of professional women in existence, make for the status of the twentieth century woman?

The far West has ever had a reputation for independent thought, and it would be fitting that the issues which make for independent thought and action should be given birth at this eleventh annual convention.

If our Committee of Arrangements had been permitted to carry out one half of its projected plans to entertain you, there would have been *no time* for business meetings, *no time* for serious thought, *no time* for anything but the demonstration of our delight in having you with us. We wish you to cherish the sincerity and the gladness of our welcome through the years that must obtain until it may be ours to welcome you again.



APPLICATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF BEDSORES.—*The New York Medical Journal* says: The following, applied as a varnish twice daily to the parts menaced, will act as a preventive of bedsores:

Guttapercha .....	3i
Chloroform .....	3i
Balsam of Peru .....	gtt. xv

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BACTERIA ON TRAILING SKIRTS.—In a recent lecture, Professor Bottomley, of London, said that a piece of cloth cut from a trailing skirt worn by a woman walking about the West End streets was found to harbor sixteen million five hundred thousand bacteria, including many tubercle bacilli.